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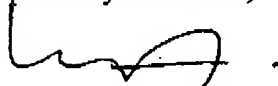
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Responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 14, 2006, and the subsequent Examiner Interview, Applicants hereby timely appeal the final rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8-22 in the above application under 37 CFR 1.191.

Applicants request that the \$500.00 fee called for by 37 CFR 41.20(b) in connection with the filing of this Notice be charged to Deposit Account 50-0831, Delphi Technologies, Inc. In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for extension of time, Applicants hereby petition therefor, and authorize that any required payment of a fee or additional fee amount associated with the filing of this Notice also be charged to Deposit Account 50-0831, Delphi Technologies, Inc.

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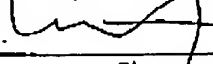
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